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AGENDA FOR ARC MEETING

To be Held Tuesday, 24 September 1957, at 10:00 a. m.
In Room 214, Administration Building, Central Intelligence Agency

Far Eastern USSR and Communist China
Requirements (Reference: [REDACTED])
3 September 1957 for Communist China)

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1. The Project Director has requested the ARC to provide specific priority requirements guidance in the area indicated. In Far Eastern USSR, the highest priority targets are KOMSOMOLSK, SOVETSKAYA GAVAN, and UKRAINA. The referenced memorandum indicates by asterisk the highest priority targets in Communist China, recognizing that these are secondary to Far Eastern USSR highest targets.

2. Recognizing my very limited knowledge in regard to the foregoing requirements, I would have to say in justification for their coverage that the bulk of the Communist China targets bear upon the GNP or Order of Battle. This brings me to the question of how valid do we consider our current estimates of the GNP and to what extent we could expect to reduce the margin of error. And, of course, how important is it that we know accurately what the GNP of the Chinese is.

3. With regard to SOVETSKAYA GAVAN and UKRAINA, I understand that these are Far Eastern bomber bases allegedly and, therefore, wonder whether we could make a case for covering them unless we simultaneously covered long range bomber bases in the USSR itself. I suppose the rationale for covering KOMSOMOLSK would lie in Naval guided missiles detection and might have a bearing both on our observation of the Soviet fleet maneuvers in the BARENTS Sea and possible testing at KAPUSTIN YAR.

4. Whether the foregoing is right or wrong, at least it is suggestive of the problem we now face, namely, what's the best argument we can put up for the importance of coverage in these areas. I hope each member will be prepared to argue cogently on this question.

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Proposed Additions to Priority List

5. The Chairman has received the following memoranda:



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b. From the Navy, a list of targets set forth in Ser: NT 000315-57 of 12 September 1957 (copy of which has gone to USAF (Lt. Col. Fisher) and USA (Col. Dodds)) seven pages double-spaced, all of which appear on CINCLANT or CINCPAC target lists and which have been assigned strike weapons by these commands.

6. The Chairman requests the advice of the ARC as to whether there is any objection to adding these targets to our respective lists.



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JAMES G. REBER

Chairman

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Ad Hoc Requirements Committee

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10-ORR
11-IO
12-Chief/HTA
13-TSO
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17-file
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